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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME

The Delaware Attorney General's Office will host a series of interactive community forums across New Castle County in April and May to discuss the Community Prosecution program, a collaborative approach to fighting crime. Launched in 2007 in Wilmington, and expanded last year to all of New Castle County, Community Prosecution brings residents, prosecutors, and law enforcement together to identify the most severe criminal behavior and tackle it head-on.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, April 22	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Howard Vocational Technical High School 401 East 12th Street, Wilmington
Wednesday, May 6	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Concord High School 2501 Ebright Road, Brandywine Hundred
Wednesday, May 20	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Everett Meredith Middle School 504 South Broad Street, Middletown

At each meeting a community prosecutor will explain how community prosecution works. In addition, a panel of prosecutors and other staff assigned to that geographical area will discuss with attendees how this effort provides a coordinated approach to a range of crimes including drug and gun offenses, juvenile offenders, and domestic violence. Staff from the Nuisance Abatement, Senior Protection, and Victim/Witness Services programs will also participate, and law enforcement agencies from across New Castle County will be present.

“The Community Prosecution Program works to prevent crime by opening channels of communication between residents and law enforcement and by focusing on the unique needs of individual communities,” said State Prosecutor Richard Andrews. “We encourage residents, business owners, and civic leaders to attend these community meetings, share their concerns and ideas, and help shape the direction of the community prosecution program in their neighborhoods.”

Each meeting is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Residents with questions about the community meetings on neighborhood crime are encouraged to contact the Office of the Attorney General at (302) 577-8288 or e-mail AttorneyGeneral@state.de.us. Learn more about Community Prosecution by visiting www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/communityprosecution.

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